

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION
609 29th Street, Vienna, WV 26105
March 24, 2022
6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Invocation was given by Chad Emrick. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Randy Rapp.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vienna City Council met in Regular Session on March 24, 2022. Mayor Randy Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

ROLL CALL:

Attendance was taken by Recorder Melissa Elam with the following Council members present: Kim Williams, Tom Azinger, Chuck Noffsinger, Jim Leach, Roger Bibbee, City Attorney Russell Skogstad, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp. Absent: None.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chad Emrick (2806 10th Ave.): Spoke about the resolution to close the pool. Closing will mitigate safety risks but takes away a resource and vice versa. Encouraged council to provide alternate activities if it is closed. Asked council to provide the community with updates.

REPORT OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Special Council Session scheduled on 3/17/2022 have been printed, posted, and circulated. Approved as posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PRESENTATION: Marine Corp League

Mr. Dirth from the Marine Corp League 1087 Detachment from Parkersburg thanked Mayor Rapp and the City of Vienna for its generous donation to use open field at the Gold Star Memorial to display their flags for heroes. Money goes to veterans in our area.

2. FREEDOM FESTIVAL UPDATE: Jack Mathers

Mr. Mathers spoke on behalf of Friends of Vienna to announce the band that will be there. They have secured Home Free! This band is an acapella group that has a huge following. They will perform July 2, 2022. Businesses are being very supportive of the festival and will benefit from all the participants that attend. There will be a car show, hot air balloon rides, carnival, Apache helicopters, fireworks after the concert, food trucks, and more is being worked on.

3. RESOLUTION: To Close The Jackson Park Pool For The 2022 Pool Season

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIENNA, that the Jackson Park Pool will be closed for the 2022 pool season.

Recorder Melissa Elam moved to approve the Resolution To Close The Jackson Park Pool For The 2022 Pool Season. Motion seconded by Councilman Tom Azinger.

Recorder Elam stated an inspection with Mr. Fluty was not possible but she had an engineer come do an assessment of the pool. There were major concerns about the safety and integrity of the supports that hold the concrete up around the pool. Temporary supports such as 4'x4's could be installed but it is not a long term fix and the concrete that is missing would still need fixed. The pump house could probably last another year.

Councilman Roger Bibbee was originally against closing the pool but as he talked to others and heard more about the condition he believes the best thing is to close it this year. He strongly wants the pool open in 2023.

Mayor Rapp provided pictures from the inspection that was done this past week. Stated that he would normally be one that does not want to close it but now that he has seen the pictures he has a different

perspective. Bolts have been rusted completely out. He does not support band-aiding the decking any further.

Councilman Tom Azinger stated he believes for safety reasons it needs to be closed. Stated closing now gives us three prime months for construction.

Mayor Rapp asked Bob Fehrenbacher (lead the pool project at Parkersburg Country Club) about the timeframe. Started September 15 to remove the old deck. They hoped to open Memorial Day weekend but it was the end of June. Used Pickering and GraeCon. The company that did the water circulation system was behind schedule. Baby pool needs a separate filtration system from the main pool. The zero entry was a great decision and those who originally wanted a traditional baby pool have been happy with the change.

Tim Roberts stated the Park Board is ready to move forward pending the vote on the resolution.

Attorney Skogstad stated the city is on notice for safety issues. If it is open, those issues need to be fixed.

Roll call vote taken by Recorder Melissa Elam. Councilwoman Kim Williams, Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Councilman Chuck Noffsinger, Councilman Roger Bibbee, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting “yes”. Vote: 7-0.

4. RESOLUTION: Approving The 2022-2023 General Fund And Coal Severance Budgets; Submission To West Virginia State Tax Commissioner

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIENNA, that the General Fund and Coal Severance Budgets, copies of which are attached hereto, for fiscal year 2022-2023 are hereby approved. The Treasurer of the City of Vienna is hereby authorized and directed to forward same to the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner for approval.

Councilman Roger Bibbee moved to approve the Resolution Approving The 2022-2023 General Fund And Coal Severance Budgets; Submission To West Virginia State Tax Commissioner. Motion seconded by Councilman Jim Leach.

Councilwoman Kim Williams moved to amend the resolution to include an additional \$.35 raise for all non-seasonal part-time employees. Motion seconded by Jim Leach.

Roll call vote for amendment taken by Recorder Melissa Elam. Councilwoman Kim Williams, Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Councilman Roger Bibbee, Councilman Chuck Noffsinger, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting “yes”. Vote: 7-0.

Roll call vote for resolution taken by Recorder Melissa Elam. Councilwoman Kim Williams, Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Councilman Roger Bibbee, Councilman Chuck Noffsinger, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting “yes”. Vote: 7-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Roger Bibbee said the fire department will have the Ice Cream Social on June 10, 2022. Tickets will begin being sold on April 1.

Mayor Rapp introduced his son-in-law, Vincent DeMaro, who was in attendance. He is on leave from the U.S. Coast Guard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Melissa Elam, Recorder

Randall C. Rapp, Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 Initials Date